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Applicants: OHTOMO et al

Serial No.: 09/943,507

Filed: August 31, 2001

For: Thin Film Head, Producing Method Thereof

And Magnetic Disk Apparatus

Art Unit: 2652

Examiner: T. Chen

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop: Amendment (Fee) Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 24, 2005

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit the filing of a response within the second month subsequent to the expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed September 24, 2004.

A payment in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the fee required for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 520.40591X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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